

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACHSE

MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 16, 2020

The City Council of the City of Sachse held a regular meeting on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. via virtual teleconference. Those present were Mayor Pro Tem Michelle Howarth, Councilmembers Brett Franks, Chance Lindsey, Cullen King, and Jeff Bickerstaff; City Manager, Gina Nash; City Attorney, Joe Gorfida; City Secretary, Michelle Lewis Sirianni; IT Manager, Danny Wheeler; Director of CIP and Public Works, Corey Nesbit; Finance Director, Teresa Savage; Development Services Director, Matt Robinson; Human Resources Director, Melinda Walter; Fire Chief, Marty Wade, and Assistant Police Chief, Steven Baxter. Mayor Mike Felix and Councilman Paul Watkins were absent.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth opened the workshop meeting at 6:33 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 6:33 p.m., the City Council recessed into Executive Session.

At 7:13 p.m., the City Council reconvened back into the workshop session.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth adjourned the workshop at 7:14 p.m.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth opened the regular meeting at 7:15 p.m.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO U.S. AND STATE FLAGS:

Councilman Bickerstaff offered the invocation and Councilman Lindsey led the pledges.

MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS REGARDING SPECIAL EVENTS:

Councilman Franks thanked all those within Public Safety and the Parks and Recreation Department for the success of the Halloween events, which included the Pumpkin Express and the candy shoot. He noted he received many positive comments regarding both.

CITIZEN INPUT:

No comments were made.

CONSENT AGENDA: All items listed on the Consent Agenda are considered routine and will be acted on by one motion, with no separate discussion of these items unless a City Councilmember or citizen so requests.

1. Approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020, joint meeting.
2. Approve the minutes of the October 26, 2020, regular meeting
3. Approve canceling the December 21, 2020 City Council combined meeting.
3. Accept the monthly revenue and expenditure report for the period ending September 30, 2020.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve the consent agenda items as presented. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS:

Take any action as a result of Executive Session.

No action was taken.

Consider an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing Councilmember Place 3 and Councilmember Place 4.

Ms. Lewis Sirianni stated in order to declare the results official, the City Council must canvass the results. The proposed ordinance will declare the results for City Councilmember Place 3 and Place 4 with terms expiring May 2023.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth read the following results into the record.

Councilmember Place 3

	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Voting %
Frank Millsap	4,252	228	413	0	4,893	51.15%
Paul Watkins	4,051	275	347	0	4,673	48.85%
TOTALS	8,303	503	760	0	9,566	100%
OVERVOTES	0	1	0	0	0	
UNDERVOTES	2,997	192	246	1	3,436	

Councilmember Place 4

	Early Voting In-Person	Early Voting Mail	Election Day In-Person	Early Voting Provisional	Total	Voting %
Chance Lindsey	7,349	418	691	4	8,462	100%
TOTALS	7,349	418	691	4	8,462	100%
OVERVOTES	0	0	0	0	0	
UNDERVOTES	3,951	294	345	0	4,590	

Councilman Bickerstaff asked for an explanation regarding the difference between overvotes and undervotes. Ms. Lewis Sirianni responded that an overvote is when a voter votes for a candidate more than once and an undervote indicates that the voter did not vote for the candidate(s) listed on the ballot.

Councilman Bickerstaff made a motion to approve an ordinance canvassing the returns and declaring the results of the General Election held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the purpose of electing Councilmember Place 3 and Councilmember Place 4. Councilman King seconded that motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Receive an update regarding the parking restrictions on Concord Drive.

Ms. Nash stated that the City Council had requested staff seek neighborhood input and provide an update on any changes requested by the residents.

Mr. Nesbit stated after the installation of the signs indicating the new parking restrictions on Concord Drive, Police officers observed the intersection while staff sent letters out to seven residents to seek additional input. They were presented with the following four options:

1. Keep the existing restrictions of 40 feet from the intersection of Bunker Hill Road and Concord Drive.
2. Extend parking restrictions to 100 feet from the intersection of Bunker Hill Road and Concord Drive. (Extend restrictions to the first driveway on Concord Drive on both sides of the street)
3. Restrict parking along the entire south side of Concord Drive to Georgetown Drive.
4. Restrict parking along both sides of Concord Drive to Georgetown Drive.

Staff received feedback from four of the seven residents noting that one was currently renting. Of the feedback received, one was for option two, one for option three, and two for option four. Mr. Nesbit noted that they have received favorable feedback of the current restrictions.

Chief Sylvester stated his staff have been patrolling the area and believes the safety concern has been alleviated.

Councilman Franks commented that the safety concern has been mitigated, but would still like to see option two put in place.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked about the selective parking option and how that could be enforced. He believes the safety concern has been resolved and should keep as is for now.

Councilman King commented on the parking along the side of the street where the houses face the street and what would happen if there was no parking for 100 ft on both sides (option two). He stated he would like to wait a little longer to see if there are any changes.

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth stated her concern is that if the parking restrictions were extended that parking would be pushed to Remington.

Chief Sylvester commented on possible outcomes if each option was put into place and emphasized the precedence being set.

No further comments or action were taken.

Receive an update regarding actions taken by the City as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and any future measures that may be necessary including city operations and facilities, public safety, financial employee impact, and the CARES Act.

Ms. Nash stated that there is no specific report, but that they are on track with all the current projects being done under the CARES Act. Staff will continue to work on the items outlined in the original plan as well as continue to monitor the guidance from Dallas County. Reporting requirements continue to be followed for both counties with the deadline of November 30, 2020 approaching. Ms. Nash stated she will be keeping this item on future agendas and report as needed.

Councilman Bickerstaff asked if there were any updates regarding the HERO's Act. Ms. Nash replied there has been no update.

Councilman Franks asked if all projects would be completed by the deadline(s). Ms. Nash responded yes, all projects will be completed on-time. She noted they will be looking to use funds to reimburse police payroll and any contingencies on the schedule.

Councilman Franks asked about the non-city projects and if they are currently on schedule. Ms. Nash responded that the non-city projects such as the 5-Loaves expansion are on track to be completed on-time as well.

No further comments or action taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Howarth adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.




MICHELLE HOWARTH, MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:


Michelle Lewis Sirianni, City Secretary